

ALASKA SPORTS DIGEST

11 a.m. — North Dakota vs. UAA
1:30 p.m. — Hawaii-Hilo vs. Bemidji State
5 p.m. — North Dakota vs. Hawaii-Hilo
7:30 p.m. — Bemidji State vs. UAA

Saturday, Sept. 3

5 p.m. — Third-place match
7:30 p.m. — Championship match

CYCLING

Caton wins 400-miler

John Caton endured hills and heat on the Glenn and Richardson Highways this weekend to win the Fireweed 400's 400-mile solo class.

Caton, 48, and five other soloists started the race at Sheep Mountain, biked to Valdez and biked back to Sheep Mountain. Caton finished in 23 hours, 3 minutes, .8 seconds, beating Dick Weber, 63, by more than two hours.

Fireweed 400

Sheep Mountain to Valdez to Sheep Mountain
Sunday's Results

400 Solo

40-49 age group — 1 John Caton 23 hours, 3 minutes, .8 seconds; 2 Todd Goodman 30:37:09.7
60 and over — 1 Dick Weber 25:23:34.5; 2 Gerald Goode 26:05:25.8; 3 Low Meyer 30:33:57.6.

400 Tandem

1) Andrew Pohl and Judith Abrahams 25:28:49.5.

400 Two-Person Relay

— 1) Kenneth Philbrick and Ben Larson 18:23:54.4; 2) Chester Fehrmann and Barclay Roeder 21:56:22.8.

400 Four-Person Relay

1) Justin Singleton, Stan Carrick, James Singleton and Denis Corral 20:14:29.4.

RUNNING

Luchs take Boondocks

Delia Luch and Letitia Luch both dominated Anchorage Running Club's Boondocks Breakaway footrace at Kincaid Park on Sunday.

Delia finished first in the women's 5-kilometer in 21 minutes, 7 seconds while Letitia followed in 21:44.

Lloyd Raines won the men's 5-K in 18:10 and Scott Mahar placed second in 18:59.

Anchorage Running Club Race

Boondocks Breakaway

At Kincaid Park

Sunday's Results

Women

1) Delia Luch 21:07; 2) Letitia Luch 21:44; 3) Marcelyn Luch 22:18; 4) Amelia Hennessy 25:51; 5) Kristi Lauver 26:02; 6) Celia Rozen 26:25; 7) Holly Moore 26:27; 8) Annie Luck 26:46; 9) Debbie Neil 26:56; 10) Anna Maria Parkinson 27:01; 11) Katherine

Debra (2) 6-0, 6-0.

40 Doubles (Round Robin) — Stoner, Sandy/Swank, Shari, d. Anderson, Linda/Durrell, Sandy 7-5, 6-1. **C Doubles (Semifinals)** — Bell, Nura/Johnston, Elizabeth (1), d. Brown, Alice/Uldrich, Shirley 6-4, 6-2. **B Doubles (Quarterfinals)** — Christ, Debbie/Van Goor, Linda, d. Ruskin, Bernice/Santiago, Aracelis 6-4, 6-2; Stoner, Sandy/Swank, Shari (1), d. Durrell, Sandy/Pauli, Mildred 6-4, 6-3.

Men

C Singles (Quarterfinals) — Awad, Sam, d. Mabry, Frankie, won by default. **A Doubles (Semifinals)** — Owens, Bradley/Wilcox, Paul, d. Abbott, Mike/Janneck, Tim (2) 7-6, 6-3. **C Doubles (Round Robin)** — Denman, Austin/Sims, Ryan, d. Flemming, Carl/Meyerowitz, Robert 6-4, 7-6.

B Doubles (Quarterfinals) — Honda, Derin/Kim, C. J., d. Cotton, William/Cotton, David (2) 1-6, 6-3, 7-5; Ezell, Matthew/Green, Jay (3), d. Ellis, Josh/Hanek, Bill 6-0, 6-4; Evina-ze, Bertin/Thomas, John, d. Davies, Erik/Landon, Colin 6-1, 6-1.

Mixed

B Doubles (Round of 16) — Green, Stacia/Green, Jay, d. Davies, Erik/Johnston, Maureen 5-7, 6-3, 6-2.

Saturday's Results

Boys

18 Singles (Semifinals) — Gross, Jordan, d. Shotts, Kyler 6-2, 6-2. **16 Singles (Round of 16)** — Mauer, Michael, d. Veldhuis, Garret 6-1, 6-2. **16 Singles (Quarterfinals)** — Shotts, Kyler (2), d. Landon, Colin 6-2, 6-1; Burghart, Rendeli, d. Sam, Zachary 6-2, 6-2; Mauer, Michael, d. Denman, Austin 7-6, 6-2; Ringsstad, Jason (1), d. Bottini, Matthew 6-0, 6-0. **14 Singles (Quarterfinals)** — Ringstad, Eric, d. Sims, Brandon 6-0, 6-1; McKim, Cal, d. Denman, Tyler 6-1, 6-1.

Girls

18 Singles (Semifinals) — Randall, Kalli, d. Phillips, Shasta 6-1, 7-6. **18 Singles (Finals)** — Cox, Mallery (1), d. Randall, Kalli 6-2, 6-3. **16 Singles (Quarterfinals)** — Phillips, Shasta, d. Landau, Aurora (2) 7-5, 6-1; Quinn, Molly, d. Shotts, Camille 6-1, 6-0; Randall, Kalli, d. Do, Tien 6-0, 6-2.

Women

C Singles (Quarterfinals) — Williams, Katy, d. Wilcox, Lael 6-0, 6-1. **B Singles (Round of 16)** — Santiago, Aracelis, d. Howell, Marcia 6-1, 6-2. **B Singles (Quarterfinals)** — Stoner, Sandy, d. Landau, Aurora, won by default; Erickson, Allison, d. Shanley, Claudia (2) 6-2, 6-1. **A Doubles (Round Robin)** — Anderson, Linda/Rosenberg, Andrea, d. Hemry, Holly/Rosenberg, Robyn 6-1, 6-2; Stoner, Sandy/Swank, Shari, d. Anderson, Linda/Rosenberg, Andrea 7-6, 6-1.

Men

B Singles (Round of 16) — Davies, Erik, d. Hanek, Bill 1-6, 6-1, 6-0. **B Singles (Quarterfinals)** — Ellis, Josh, d. Burghart, Rendeli 6-2, 6-3. **A Doubles (Quarterfinals)** — Owens, Bradley/Wilcox, Paul, d. Ezell, Matthew/Steller, Brock 7-6, 6-2. **A Doubles (Semifinals)** — Gillam, Colin/Haines, Aaron (1), d. Cotton, William/Lewis, Jack 6-1, 6-0.

C Doubles (Round Robin) — Flemming, Carl/Meyerowitz, Robert, d. Denman, Tyler/Sims, Brandon 6-4, 6-2. **B Doubles (Round of 16)** — Honda, Derin/Kim, C. J., d. Alto, John/Smith, Ken 7-5, 4-6, 6-3; Davies, Erik/Landon, Colin, d. Hillsong, Bennett/Thomas, John Michael 6-4, 1-6, 6-4. **B Doubles (Quarterfinals)** — Severy, Frank/Steller, Brock (1), d. Ching, Lee/Ching, Swan 6-4, 6-0.

Mixed

C Doubles (Quarterfinals) — Quinlan, John/Woolver, Sylvia, d. McKim, Brad/McKim, Kay 7-5, 6-2; Paul, Quinton/Rosenberg, Robyn, d. Howard, Barbara/Veit, Jack 2-6, 6-3, 6-3. **B Doubles (Round of 16)** — Markell, Dane/Van Goor, Linda, d. Paul, Quinton/Rosenberg, Robyn 6-0, 7-5.

— Daily News staff

New BCS poll opens after season begins

Daily News wire services

NEW YORK — The Bowl Championship Series has created a new college football poll with a unique twist — games will be played before ballots are cast.

Called the Harris Interactive College Football Poll, it will rank the top 25 teams on a weekly basis, starting Sept. 25 — four weeks into the season. Plans call for 114 voters. The panel will be comprised of former coaches, players and administrators, plus media members.

The BCS has said it would like to see the elimination of preseason polls, which some believe give highly touted teams an unfair headstart in the rankings.

"This allows for some games to be played in the current season rather than allow teams to be ranked purely on preseason expectations," BCS coordinator and Big 12 commissioner Kevin Weiberg said Monday during a conference call.

The season's first BCS standings will be released Oct. 17.

The new poll, replaces The Associated Press poll, which the BCS had used in its formula for ranking teams since 1998. Last season, however, the AP told the BCS it could no longer use its media poll.

NFL

Fields, Bettis honored by writers

NEW YORK — Carolina linebacker Mark Fields and Pittsburgh running back Jerome Bettis are among the winners of the Pro Football Writers Awards, announced Monday.

Fields, who returned to the NFL after battling cancer, won the George Halas Award. It's given to a player who performed despite injury or personal problems off the field. Bettis won the inaugural Good Guy Award, given to a league or club official for his cooperation with pro football writers.

Fields will miss the upcoming season with a recurrence of Hodgkin's disease. Sidelined in 2003

when the Panthers made the Super Bowl, he returned last season and made the Pro Bowl for the second time.

TENNIS

Steffi Graf will play one match

HOUSTON — Steffi Graf is returning to the tennis court for the first time in six years, but don't call it a comeback.

The 22-time Grand Slam singles champion is interrupting her retirement on Tuesday to play with the Houston Wranglers of the World Team Tennis Pro League.

"It's hard for me to call it a comeback," Graf told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "It's too early to say if there will be more. It's hard with all the schedules. If it works out, maybe there is another one."

Tuesday's match is Graf's only one this season as a member of the Wranglers. Houston will take on the Sacramento Capitals, led by Anna Kournikova at Houston's Westside Tennis Club.

NHL

Labor talks to continue today

NEW YORK — After another 14 hours of talking, there still is no deal in place to end the NHL lockout.

Negotiators from the league and the players' association met for the eighth straight day Monday, marking the 10th consecutive week that talks have been held. The latest round of discussions wrapped up around 9:30 p.m. and more talks were scheduled for today.

"The process continues," NHL chief legal officer Bill Daly said Monday night.

A new collective bargaining agreement still appears to be close at hand.

"There remain a number of outstanding issues to resolve and a fair bit of legal documentation to get through," players' association senior director Ted Saskin said.

KETBALL

Alaska takes 4th

